

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

a1 3. (Amended) An illuminator according to claim 1, wherein said reflective type polarizer is a linearly polarized light separating sheet.

Please add new claims 6-10 as follows:

6. An illuminator according to claim 3, wherein the linearly polarized light separating sheet is made of a multilayer laminate of at least two kinds of materials different in refractive index.

7. An illuminator according to claim 1, wherein said reflective type polarizer is a circularly polarized light separating sheet.

a2 8. An illuminator according to claim 7, wherein the circularly polarized light separating sheet is made of cholesteric liquid-crystal layers.

9. An illuminator according to claim 1, wherein luminance is improved by not less than 1.5 times as compared to when no reflective type polarizer is used.

10. An illuminator according to claim 1, wherein luminance is improved by not less than 1.6 times as compared to when no reflective type polarizer is used.